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Letters to the Editors
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Dear Sirs,

I was recently charged and convicted of breaking a car window, an act I did not commit. But the crime was of a "serious nature," i.e. "political" because it allegedly occurred during a labor strike. The Jury and District Attorney and Judge were determined that someone from my union "pay". I was sentenced to 60 days in jail and a \$100 fine, plus 1 year on probation.

I am not bitter, nor am I resentful about Mr. Agnew's light sentence, his \$10,000 fine being far less for a man of his means than my \$100 was for me. But it is a clear reminder that, as Thrasymachos says in Plato's Republic, justice is whatever those in power say it is, and whatever is to their advantage. Clement Stone and Bebe Rebozo and their friends paid for a government to crack down on hippies and blacks and break strikes. If they have the power, they define such a crack-down as "law and order," as "justice." Obviously, given that definition kickbacks, bribery, extortion, and income tax evasion are less serious crimes than breaking a window in a labor strike!

Sincerely,

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Thrasymachos speaks in Book I, Sections 337-339 of The

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County. My union is The Unite